SURVEY OF THE MARINE BENTHIC INFAUNA COLLECTED FROM THE UNITED STATES RADIOACTIVE WASTE DISPOSAL SITES OFF THE FARALLON ISLANDS, CALIFORNIA

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FOREWORD

In response to the mandate of Public Law 92-532, the Marine, Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972, as amended, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has developed a program to promulgate regulations and criteria to control the ocean disposal of radioactive wastes. As part of that program, the EPA Office of Radiation Programs initiated feasibility studies in 1974 to learn whether present technologies could be used to determine the fate of radioactive wastes dumped in the past.

In 1974, and again in 1975, ORP obtained the services of the unmanned, tethered submersible, CURV III to conduct surveys at the Farallon Islands low-level radioactive waste dumpsite area and to determine whether current technologies could be applied toward determining the fate of radioactive waste dumped in the past.

Radioactive waste packages were successfully located in this major Pacific previously-used dumpsite area, and a program of site-characterization studies was conducted to investigate (a) the biological, geochemical and physical characteristics of the area, (b) the presence and distribution of radionuclides within the area, and (c) the performance of past packaging techniques and materials.

These studies have continued to provide needed information and data on past radioactive waste disposal activities concomitant with the growing national and international interest in the possible long-term effects of this low-level waste disposal option.

A key concern of EPA in evaluating ocean disposal for low-level radioactive waste is the potential for both mobilization and biological transport of released radionuclides from a dumpsite to man. Infaunal organisms, i.e. organisms living within the sediment, may be an important element of both of these deepsea processes. The present report describes the marine infauna inhabiting the sediment in the areas of the 900 meter and 1700 meter low-level radioactive waste dumpsites near the Farallon Islands off the coast of California. This report specifically examines the presence, distribution, and abundance of the polychaetous annelid worms and the foraminifera, which are the dominant macro— and microinfauna, respectively, in the Farallon Islands dumpsite survey area.

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ABSTRACT

Benthic biological samples were taken in 1977 from the vicinity of the Farallon Islands radioactive waste disposal sites for characterization of the infaunal macroinvertebrates and foraminifera. Six quantitative sediment samples were taken with a box core, and two non-quantitative samples were collected with an otter trawl at depths of 900m to 1700m. A sample was also taken from the surface of a radioactive waste container which was recovered from a depth of 730m for subsequent analysis at Brookhaven National Laboratory. Animals and sediment adhering to the surface of the container were scraped and preserved.

A total of 120 invertebrate species were collected, of which 75 species (63 percent) were polychaetes. Forty-three of these polychaete species have not previously been reported from depths greater than 1000m. A total of 1044 macroinvertebrate specimens were collected of which 54 percent were polychaetes. Only the nematods were present at all six benthic stations, but the community structure was dominated by the polychaetes Tauberia gracilis. Allia pulchra, Chaetozone setosa, and Cossura candida. Living and dead foraminifera were reported. Only one aberrant specimen of foraminifera was noted, which is less than generally encountered. The potential role of polychaetes in bioturbation and in the marine food chain is briefly discussed with respect to the various polychaete feeding mechanisms.

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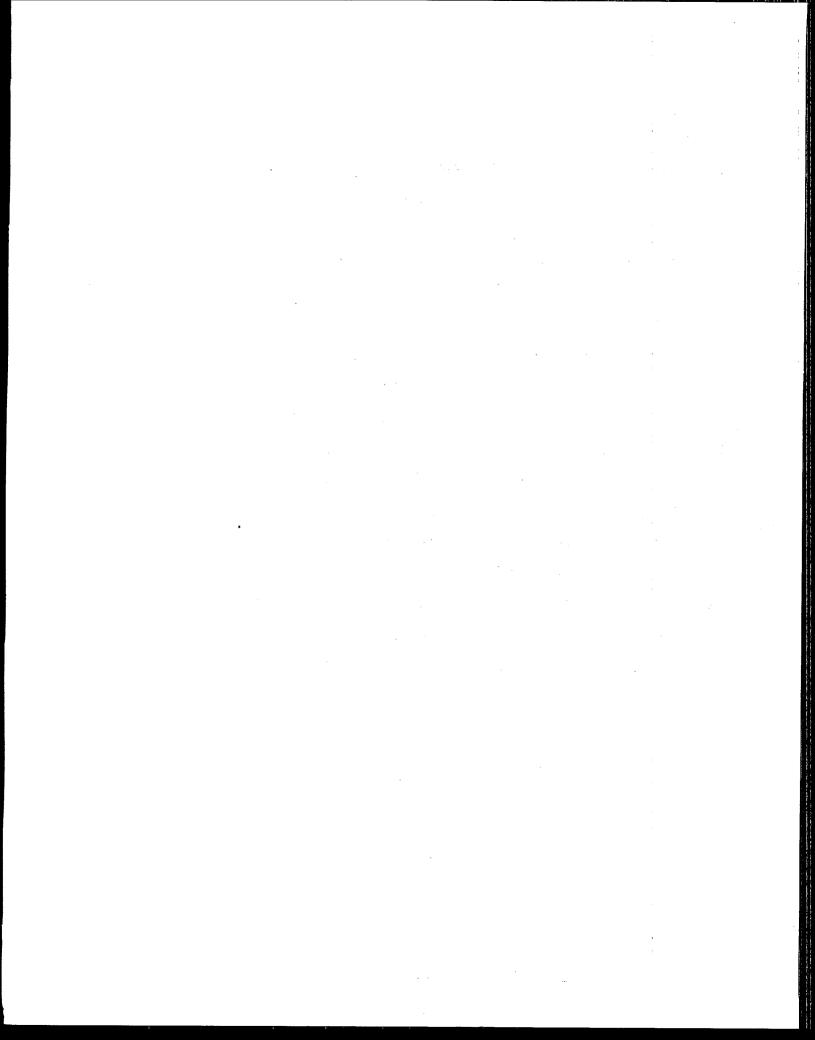
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I. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this investigation was to identify the benthic macroinvertebrate infauna and foraminifera present in and around the vicinity of the United States Farallon Islands radioactive waste disposal sites located west of San Francisco, at depths of 900m and 1700m. Emphasis was placed on identification of the polychaetous annelids because of their abundance in terms of number of species and individuals as well as their role in the vertical and horizontal reworking of sediments. Other macroinvertebrates, the crustaceans and mollusks, were identified to the lowest possible taxon. Living as well as dead foraminifera were identified and counted. In addition, aberrant foraminifera were noted, if and whenever they occurred. Foraminifera are an important microfaunal group in deepsea sediments.

The potential role benthic macroinvertebrate fauna, especially polychaetes, could play in the movement of radionuclides, through bioturbation and food chain transport, is described. Comparisons are made of the benthic infaunal marine life between the Pacific Ocean Farallon Islands dumpsite area and the Atlantic Ocean radioactive waste disposal site centered at a depth of 2800m.

II. MATERIALS AND METHODS

Collections were made from the R/V Velero IV beginning
August 31, 1977 through September 2, 1977, and October 19, 1977
through October 22, 1977. The station locations, dates, and
methods of collection are given in Table 1. A bathymetric map of
the dumpsite sampling areas is shown in Figure 1, and includes

both the sampling locations and the types of samples collected. A total of six benthic samples were taken with a box corer which sampled a surface area of approximately 930 cm² to a variable depth of 50-80 cm. The amount of material available from each box core collection for biological analysis varied depending upon the needs of other investigators. Samples from two of the six box core stations, numbers 13A and 41A, were made available for complete infaunal study. For the remaining four box core stations, about one-half of the total surface area was left for infaunal study after samples were taken for other analyses, such as radiochemistry (Schell, et al., 1979). Two otter trawls were taken to collect the larger macroepifaunal groups, such as crabs, echinoderms, and fish. Although the primary macroepibenthic faunal characterizations were done by another investigator (Carney, 1979), some of the material from these trawls was analyzed in this study and is reported herein. Each trawl was about one mile in length (Figure 1). The data reported for the trawl collection does not represent a quantitative sample.

Two 2.54 cm diameter cores were taken of the undisturbed box core sample to a depth of about 7-10 cm. The top 5 cm was then placed in a 1% rose bengal-70% ethanol solution for later foraminiferal analysis. After the ethanol solution dried, a 100 gram subsample was taken. The sediment was boiled with trisodium phosphate to break up the sediments, and then washed through a 0.127 mm sieve. The material retained on the sieve was examined under a dissecting microscope and foraminiferan specimens were removed for subsequent taxonomic identification. Scanning electron microscope pictures were taken of the dominant

foraminiferan species and are included as part of this report (Figures 6-16).

The remaining sediment core sections were washed onboard through a 0.5 mm sieve, and the material retained on the sieve was preserved with a 40% formalin solution. All biological samples were transferred to the laboratory at Long Beach from the Velero IV at its home port of San Pedro, California. In the laboratory, the samples were washed additionally through a 0.25 mm sieve to remove the formalin and remaining fine-grained sediment. The material retained on the sieve was transferred to ethanol for later sorting and identification.

Samples of macroepifaunal biological specimens collected from the trawls, and any biota and sediment which adhered to the 55-gallon, mild-steel, low-level radioactive waste disposal container retrieved for analysis were preserved in 40% formalin. Samples of this material were then processed in the laboratory as described above.

III. RESULTS

A. Invertebrates

The biological data obtained from the six benthic sampling stations and two otter trawls are summarized in Tables 2 through 5. A total of 120 identified invertebrate species are represented, of which 75 species are polychaetes, 23 are crustaceans, 16 are mollusks, 2 are echinoderms, and the remaining 4 species consisted of nematods, nemerteans, oligochaetes, and ectoprocts. A total of 1044 individual specimens were collected of which 559 specimens are polychaetes,

156 are crustaceans, 138 are mollusks, and the remaining 191 specimens are nematods, nemerteans, oligochaetes, echinoderms, and ectoprocts.

The macroinvertebrate infauna population at the six box core stations was quite diverse. None of the different groups of macroinvertebrates, except for nematods, were present at all six stations. The dominant species represented were the following polychaetes: Tauberia gracilis (Figure 2) with 68 specimens, Allia pulchra (Figure 3) with 66, Chaetozone setosa (Figure 4) with 64, and Cossura candida (Figure 5) with 59 specimens. of these polychaete species were present at more than four stations. Tharyx sp., with 37 specimens, was found at five of the six stations. Two additional species. Lumbrineris sp. with 14 specimens and Nothria vibex with 10 specimens, were also present at four stations. Although present in only small numbers, specimens of these last two species are much larger in size than those of the more abundant species listed above.

Nematods were present within the six benthic samples; a total of 71 specimens of this phylum were taken. Because of their small size, undoubtedly many additional ones passed through the screen during the process of washing samples. Crustaceans were the second most numerous group to the polychaetes. They were dominated by the amphipods of which there were 109 specimens, representing 11 species. Pelecypods were the most numerous mollusk group present, with 111 specimens representing 12 species.

The serpulid polychaete Apomatus timsii was the only

macroscopic animal present on the surface of the radioactive waste container which was recovered. The tube of <u>Apomatus</u> was very similar in appearance to the unidentified serpulid polychaete present on the surface of the container recovered from the 2800m Atlantic Ocean dumpsite (see Colombo, et al., 1982, Figure 52, along lower margin of figure).

B. Foraminifera

The foraminifera were studied because they are the most common group of microfauna in deep oceanic sediments. either possess a calcareous skeleton, such as Figures 6-14, or an arenaceous skeleton composed of sand and other debris as represented by the species in Figure 15. Because of their hard skeleton their shell may remain long after the animal has died. Foraminifera became fossilized in the geological past and they are important indicators of potential oil deposits. Foraminifera are either planktonic or benthonic inhabitants. Rose bengal is added to fresh collections and, if the animal is living at the time of collection, the protoplasm within the shell takes up the stain giving the shell a rose color. Dead specimens at the time of collection do not take up this stain. There is no way to determine the cause of death of any non-living specimens of foraminifera and furthermore they may have been dead for decades or longer at the time of collection.

A total of 4 planktonic and 77 benthonic species of forams were collected from the Farallon Islands radioactive waste disposal site (Table 3). None of the planktonic specimens were living at the time of collection and none were collected from the

sediment adhering to the surface of the recovered radioactive waste container. These planktonic species may have lived in the overlaying water or been carried into the area by currents. A total of 23 of the 77 benthonic species were alive at the time of collection (Table 5). Dead specimens were more numerous than living ones, as is the norm (Table 5). No living benthonic species were present on the container; a total of 72 specimens representing 13 species were present in the sediment adhering to the surface of the container (Table 5). There is no way of establishing any relationship between these dead forams and the low-level radioactive waste container; it is probable that they were dead long before the container was dumped into the area.

Excluding the container-recovery station, dead specimens of the planktonic species <u>Neogloboquadrina pachyderma</u> were present at all six box core stations; dead <u>Neogloboquadrina dutertrei</u> were present at five stations.

Five benthonic foram species were taken at all six box core stations and from the substrate attached to the waste container. These were Bulimina auriculata (Figure 6), Buliminella tenuata (Figure 7), Chilostomella oolina, Epistominella pacifica (Figure 8), and Uvigerina peregrina (Figure 9). A total of 70 living specimens of Bulimina auriculata were collected, followed by Uvigerina peregrina with 35. No aberrant living specimen was noted, and only one dead specimen of Epistominella pacifica was abnormal, which is not considered significant.

Other benthonic foraminifera, for which photomicrographs are provided, include <u>Bulimina striata mexicana</u> (Figure 10) taken from five of the six box core stations, <u>Chilostomellina fimbriata</u>

(Figure 11) taken from four stations, <u>Cribrostomoides subglobosum</u>
(Figure 12) taken from two stations, <u>Globobulimina pacifica</u>
(Figure 13) taken from five stations, <u>Planulina wuellerstorfi</u>
(Figure 14) taken from two stations, <u>Reophax horridus</u> (Figure
15), an arenaceous species, taken from two stations, and <u>Uvigerina</u>
hispida (Figure 16) taken from four stations.

IV. DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSIONS

The polychaetous annelids were the dominant macroinvertebrate group collected from the Farallon Islands radioactive waste disposal sites--about 63 percent of the species and 54 percent of the total number of specimens collected belonged to this group. These figures are quite similar to the 45 percent of the species and 49 percent of the specimens, respectively, collected and identified at the 2800m Atlantic Ocean radioactive waste dumpsite Knox (1977) stated that, in general, polychaete (Reish, 1983). species comprise over 40 percent of the soft bottom macroinvertebrate benthic communities regardless of depth. Hessler (1976) reported that polychaetes constituted about 49 percent of the macroin vertebrates collected from the Aleutian Trench at depths of 7000-7500m. The numbers of polychaete specimens averaged 58 percent of the macroinvertebrate population at depths from 1000 to 5000m in one large northwestern Atlantic Ocean study (Hartman and Fauchald, 1971). The number of species and numerical abundance of polychaete populations at the two radioactive waste dumpsite areas fall within what has been observed elsewhere in ocean depths.

One striking difference between the polychaetes collected from the Farallon Islands area and the 2800m Atlantic Ocean dumpsite was the size of the animals - the Pacific Ocean specimens were comparatively large while the 2800m Atlantic Ocean polychaetes were small (Reish, 1983). The sea mouse, Aphrodita japonica, was the largest Pacific polychaete species encountered. Four specimens were collected by otter trawl and weighed 4.0, 9.75, 12.6, and 19.9 grams (wet weight), respectively. While weights are unknown, much larger specimens have been observed by the author in the polychaete collections at the Allan Hancock Foundation, University of Southern California. Other large species found at the Farallon Islands dumpsite area included Aglaophamus paucilamellata, Ampharete arctica, Anobothrus gracilis, Laetomonice pellucida, Maldane sarsi, Nothria vibex, Rhodine bitorquata, and Terebellides nr. stroemi. Some of these species build tubes of sediment which will measure up to 1.0 cm in diameter and potentially provide significant bioturbation of the sediment if present in significant numbers. Of the above eight species, Maldane sarsi, was found in proportionally large numbers at Stations 13A (17 specimens) and 41A (8 specimens), the two stations where the complete box core was washed for biological material. Rhodine bitorquata was found in proportionally very large numbers (32 specimens) at Station 13A (Table 4).

The population of invertebrates in the Farallon Islands dumpsite area ranged from 280 to 4124 specimens/ m^2 with an average of 1770 specimens/ m^2 or $1643/m^2$ if the nematods are excluded. Nematods are considered as meiofauna and are not generally considered as macroinvertebrates. These population figures are

about four times higher than those measured at the 2800m Atlantic Ocean dumpsite (Reish, 1983). While biomass was not measured for either collection, the corresponding amount of biological material would be at least one, or possibly two orders of magnitude greater for the Farallon Islands radioactive waste disposal site area. It was readily apparent that a greater amount of biomass was present in the benthos off the Farallon Islands radioactive waste dumpsite since the sediment was composed largely of fecal pellets. No fecal pellets were noted in the sieved sediment collected at the Atlantic Ocean 2800m dumpsite (Reish, 1983).

Most of the polychaetes present in these samples feed on sediment particles which are covered with organic coatings. Detrital feeders such as Anobothrus trilobatus utilize appendages to bring sediment to their mouths. Predominant polychaetes are illustrated in Figures 2-5. They engulf the sediment, digest the organic material present, and eliminate the undigested portion These species play a significant role in the out their anus. reworking of the sediments, and this action accounts for the presence of the many fecal pellets in the sediment. Since the sedimentation rate is very slow at these depths at 2-6 cm/1000 yr on the continental slope (Dayal, et al., 1979), and since a thin mucous film is secreted over these pellets during elimination, the individual pellet retains its identity. Other species, such as Maldane sarsi, not only engulf sediment for food but also construct tubes from this sediment. Such tubes can retain their shape long after the worm has died. A few species from the Farallon Islands dumpsite area are carnivorous; we can include

such species as Aphrodita japonica and Lumbrineris sp. within this group. They probably feed upon nematods, polychaetes, and smaller crustaceans (Fauchald and Jumars, 1979).

The role of polychaetes in the deep sea marine food chain has been little studied. However, on the basis of the morphology of these species, we can determine with some certainty the trophic position of the polychaetes. As stated above, most of these species are either detrital or sediment feeders with a few carnivores present. As indicated by the large amount of fecal material present in the sediments, bioturbation in the Farallon Islands dumpsite is very extensive. Dayal, et al., (1979) reported the sediment deposition rate to be on the order of $190-1140 \text{ cm}^2/1000$ years. If radioactive material is leaking from the containers, then it is possible that some of this material may be buried by bioturbation or brought back to the surface at a later date by the same bioturbation process. Because of the presence of some large detrital feeding and carnivorous species of polychaetes, it is possible that radioactive material could be transferred upward from sediment to a detrital feeding polychaete to a fish, on the one hand, or from the detrital feeding polychaete to a carnivorous polychaete to a fish, on the other hand. It would be very useful to have an invertebrate zoologist examine the entire contents of the digestive tract of any fish specimen taken in the future at this dumpsite to determine feeding habits. Such data would give us a clearer understanding of deep sea food chain beginnings at the lower trophic levels.

The list of polychaetous annelid species previously known off the California coast in depths greater than $1000\,\mathrm{m}$ is

summarized in Table 6. This depth limit was selected to coincide and provide a comparison with a similar depth tabulation developed for the Atlantic 2800m dumpsite (Reish, 1983) which had been chosen arbitrarily for that study. Nearly twice as many species of polychaetes have been reported from the northwestern Atlantic Ocean than the northeastern Pacific Ocean (316 to 169). This difference is more than likely the result of more extensive studies made at these depths in the Atlantic Ocean (Hartman, 1965; Hartman and Fauchald, 1971) than the Pacific Ocean, and, furthermore, the geographical area studied extended from New England to Bermuda in the Atlantic compared to California in the Pacific. Of the 169 different Pacific polychaete species which have been previously reported from depths greater than 1000m, 24 of these species are reported herein (Table 4). The remaining 43 species collected which have not previously been reported from depths exceeding 1000m, are indicated with a single asterisk in Table 4 (Hartman, 1968, 1969; Fauchald and Hancock, 1982). Therefore, from the present study alone, 43 species of polychaetes can be added to the list of those recorded below a depth of 1000m (Table 4). The six undescribed species of polychaetes (Asabellides sp., Eumida sp., Eunereis sp., Mugga sp., Neosabellides sp., and Paiwa sp.) collected near the Farallon Islands were also part of a collection of over 100 new polychaete species taken a year or two earlier during the course of the Outer Continental Shelf baseline study by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The new species have not been described as of 1983. Several specimens of the serpulid polychaete, Apomatus timsii, were found only on the radioactive waste container which was raised to the surface. This species was previously reported only from a depth of 110m off Monterey, California.

Only four species of planktonic foraminifera, all dead, were taken from the Farallon Islands site. No living specimens of forams were taken from the surface of the retrieved radioactive waste disposal container which is probably not significant since the number of dead specimens always greatly exceeds living ones. The species composition and population of foraminifera is considered to be normal for this depth and geographical region (Dr. Paul Fritts, personal communication).

Since the Farallon Islands radioactive waste disposal sites are in an area of high biological infaunal activity, as represented by the high concentration of fecal pellets in the sediments, this locality should be avoided as a potential future disposal area for low-level radioactive waste materials because of the greater potential for these materials to move upward in the food chain.

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Table 1
Station Locations, Farallon Islands Radioactive Waste Disposal Site, 1977

Station Number	Date	Latitude (^O N)	Longitude (W)	Sampling Device	Depth (Meters)
13A	8-31-77	37 [°] 38.1'	123 ⁰ 08'	Box Corer*	1025
2A	8-31-77	37 [°] 38.8'	123007.1	Box Corer	865
47	9-1-77	37 [°] 38.3'	123 ⁰ 14	Box Corer	1400
39	9-1-77	37 ⁰ 38†	123°17'	Box Corer	1525
41A	9-1-77	37 ⁰ 38'	123 [°] 20.7'	Box Corer*	2250
48	9-1-77	37 ⁰ 36.6'	123°12.7'	Box Corer	1170
Near 45	9-2-77	37 [°] 34'- 37 [°] 35.5'	123 [°] 13'- 123 [°] 16'	Otter Trawl	1150-1520
South of	10-19-77	37 [°] 31.7'- 37 [°] 32.8'	123 ⁰ 05.8'- 123 ⁰ 04.7'	Otter Trawl	360-700
Near Station,8	10-22-77	37 [°] 38.1'	123 ⁰ 07.6'	Waste Package Retrieval. (Samud adhering to	730 mpled surface)

*Complete sample washed for biological material.

Note: Center of 900 meter dumpsite area: 37°38'N, 123°08'W

Center of 1700 meter dumpsite area: 37°37'N, 123°17'W

Table 2

Systematic List of the Macroinvertebrates Collected from the Farallon Islands Radioactive Waste Disposal Site, 1977

Phylum Nematoda

nematodes, unidentified

Phylum Nemertea

nemerteans, unidentified

Phylum Annelida

Class Hirudinea

leech, unidentified

Class Oligochaeta

oligochaetes, unidentified

Class Polychaeta

Acesta lopezi lopezi

Acesta nr. assimilis

Acesta sp.

Aglaophamus paucilamellata

Allia pulchra

Allia ramosa

Allia sp.

Ampharete arctica

ampharetid, unidentified genus

ampharetid, juvenile

Anobothrus gracilis

Anobothrus trilobatus

Aphrodita japonica

Apomatus timsii

Asabellides sp.

Chaetozone setosa

Chone ecaudata

Cossura candida

Cossura sp.

Dorvillea batica

Drilonereis falcata

?Euchone vilifera

Euclymene sp.

Eucranta anoculata

Eumida tubiformis

Eumida sp.

Eunereis sp.

Eunice sp.

Fabrisabella vasculosa

Fauveliopsis rugosa

Glycera capitata

Glyphanostomium pallescens

Table 2 (continued)

Goniada brunnea Harmothoe crassicirrata Intasbella caeca Jasmineira gracilis Laetomonice pellucida Lanassa gracilis Lumbrineris longensis Lumbrineris mininae Lumbrineris sp. Maldane sarsi Maldane sp. Mugga sp. Myriochele gracilis Neanthes sp. Nereis anoculopsis Nephtys cornuta franciscana Neoamphitrite robusta Neomediomastus glabrus Neosabellides sp. Nothria vibex Notomastus abyssalis Notomastus precocis Notomastus sp. Ophelia sp. oweniid, fragment Paiwa sp. Pherusa papillata Phylo nudus Pirakia brunnea Prionospio steenstrupi Praxillella affinis pacifica Pseudoeurythoe abyssalis Rhodine bitorquata Scalibregma inflatum Sphaerodoropsis nr. oculata Spiochaetopterus costarum Spiophanes fimbriata Sthenelepis areolata Subadyte mexicana Tauberia gracilis Terebellides nr. stroemi Tharyx sp.Typosyllis aciculata orientalis

Phylum Mollusca

Class Pelecypoda

Cardiomya sp.
Delectopecten sp.
Leptonidae sp. A
Leptonidae sp. B
Lucinidae
?Lucinidae
Macoma sp. A
Macoma sp. B
Nucula sp.

Nuculanidae

?Yoldia montereyensis Yoldia sp.

Class Gastropoda

Crystallophrisson sp. Scissurella crispata Turridae

Class Scaphopoda

?Dentalium (Laeuidentalium) rectius

Phylum Arthropoda

Class Crustacea

Order Ostracoda

Cylindrolebendinae, unidentified

Order Isopoda

Lironeca vulgaris
isopoda, unidentified

Order Tanaidacea

Leptognathia sp.

Order Cumacea

Campylaspis sp.
Eudonella pacifica
Leucon ?armatus
Leucon subnasica
Leucon Sulenacica
Leucon sp.

Order Amphipoda

Ampelisca posetica
Ampelisca sp.
Heterophoxus oculatus
Hippomedon sp.
Lilgeborgia sp.
Lysianissidae sp.
Nicippe tumida
Photis sp.
?Protomedia sp.
Synchelidia sp.
gammarids, unidentified

Order Mysidacea mysid, unidentified

Order Decapoda decapod, unidentified

Phylum Echinodermata
Class Ophiuroidea
brittlestars, unidentified

Class Holothuroidea sea cucumbers, unidentified

Phylum Ectoprocta ectoprocts, unidentified

Table 3

Systematic List of the Foraminifera Collected from the Farallon Islands Radioactive Waste Disposal Site, 1977

Adercostrema glomerata? (Brady) Alveolophragmium scitulum (Brady) Brizalina pacifica Cushman & McCulloch Brizalina peirsonae (Uchio) Brizalina spissa (Cushman) Brizalina subadvena Cushman Brizalina subadvena serrata (Natland) Bulimina auriculata Bailey Bulimina barbata Cushman Bulimina hoeglundi (Uchio) Bulimina cf. B. pupoides d'Orbigny Bulimina pyrula spinescens Brady Bulimina striata mexicana Cushman Buliminella tenuata Cushman Caribeanella sp. Cassidulina californica Cushman & Hughes Cassidulina delicata Cushman Cassidulina lomitensis Galloway & Wissler Cassidulina subcarinata Uchio Cassidulinoides parkerianus (Brady) Chilostomella oolina Schwager Chilostomellina fimbriata Cushman Cibicides fletcheri? Galloway & Wissler Cibicides mckannai Galloway & Wissler Cribrostomoides sp. Cribrostomoides subglobosum (Sars) Cribrostomoides veleronis (Cushman & McCulloch) Dentalina baggi Galloway & Wissler Elphidium cf. E. advenum (Cushman) Epistominella pacifica (Cushman) Epistominella smithi (R.E. & K.C. Stewart) Eponides subtener Galloway & Wissler Fissurina bradii Silvestri Fursenkoina bramlettei (Galloway & Morrey) Fursenkoina rotundata (Parr) Globigerina bulloides (d'Orbigny) Globobulimina pacifica Cushman Gyroidina altiformis Cushman Gyroidina altiformis acuta Boomgaart Gyroidina gemma Bandy Gyroidina neosoldanii Brotzen Haplophragmoides cf. H. tenuum Cushman Karreriella apicularis (Cushman) Lagena amphora Reuss Loxostomum pseudobeyrichi (Cushman)

Table 3 (continued)

Martinotiella primaeva (Cushman) Neogloboquadrina dutertrei (d'Orbigny) Neogloboguadrina pachyderma (d'Orbigny) Nonionella basiloba Cushman & McCulloch Nonionella miocenica Cushman Nonionella miocenica stella Cushman & Moyer Nouria harrisii Heron-Allen and Earland Oridorsalis cf. O. tener (Brady) Oridorsalis tener (Brady) Planulina sp. Planulina wuellerstorfi (Schwager) Pleurostomella sp. Pullenia malkinae Coryell & Mossman Pyrgo cf. P. murrhyna (Schwager) Recurvoides sp. Reophax curtis Cushman Reophax dentalinaformis Brady Reophax horridus Cushman Reophax scorpiurus Montfort Reophax ? sp. Reophax subfusiformis Earland Rhizammina sp. Saccamina longicollis (Weisner) Thalmannammina ? sp. Tritaxis bullata (Höglund) Tritaxis ? sp. Trochammina inflata? (Montagu) Trochammina ? sp. Turborotalia scitula (Brady) Uvigerina auberiana d'Orbigny Uvigerina curticosta Cushman Uvigerina hispida Schwager Uvigerina juncea Cushman & Todd Uvigerina peregrina Cushman Uvigerina peregrina dirupta Todd Uvigerina ? sp.

Table 4

Species and Number of Macroinvertebrates Collected from the

Farallon Islands Radioactive Waste Disposal Sites, 1977

(*Polychaetes not previously reported from depths exceeding 1000 meters) (**Polychaetes collected from depths <1000 meters in present study and not previously reported from depths >1000 meters)

Species/Station Number:	13A	2A	47	39	41A	48	Otter Trawl 9-2-77	Otter Trawl 10-19-77	Barrel	Total
Nematoda, unidentified	, 23	6	15	,	00	•				
Nemertea, unidentified	, 23	6 2	15	4	20	3	-			71
Annelida - Hirudinea, unidentified	1	4				4	1			8
Annelida - Oligochaeta, unidentified	1	102					Τ.			1
Annelida - Polychaeta	_	102								103
Acesta lopezi lopezi			1		1	1				•
* Acesta nr. assimilis			_		_	2				3
* Acesta sp.	4			1		_				2
* Aglaophamus paucilamellata						2))
* Allia pulchra					55	12				67
Allia ramosa					1					1
* Allia sp.						10				10
Ampharete arctica * ampharetid, unidentified			1							1
* ampharetid, juvenile					1					1
* Anobothrus gracilis	•			1						1
* Anobothrus trilobatus				_		1 3				1
* Aphrodita japonica				2		3				5
** Apomatus timsii							4. /			4
* Asabellides sp.									7	.7
* Chaetozone setosa	6		an arade	2		4				4
* Chone ecaudata	. 0		. T	4		55	-		- ·	64
Cossura candida		36			1	6 22				6
* Cossura sp.	1	30			4.	44				59
* Dorvillea batica	_					1			1	2

Table 4 (continued)

Sj	pecies/Station Number:		· 13A	2A	47	39	41A	48	Otter Traw1 9-2-77	Otter Traw1 10-19-77	Barrel	Total
* **	Drilonereis falcata ?Euchone vilifera Euclymene sp. Eucranta anoculata Eumida tubiformis Eumida sp. Eunereis sp.		13	1		1	1	1		1 1 1		1 1 14 1 1 1
* * * * * * * * * * * *	Eunice sp. Fabrisabella vasculosa Fauveliopsis rugosa Glycera capitata Glyphanostomium pallescens Goniada brunnea Harmothoe crassicirrata Intoshella caeca Jasmineira gracilis Laetomonice pellucida				1 1	1 2	1	1 5 1 6	1 1 2	1		1 1 1 8 1 1 1 1 2 6
* * * * *	Maldane sp. Mugga sp. Myriochele gracilis Neanthes sp. Nereis anoculis Nephtys cornuta franciscana		1 17 1 3		2 1 1		1 3 8 .	5	2 1 1	2	1	2 1 14 25 1 6 1 1 2 6 2 10

Table 4 (continued)

Species/Station Number:	13A	2A	47	39	41A	48	Otter Trawl 9-2-77	Otter Trawl 10-19-77	Barrel	Tota1
*Neosabellides sp.										-
*Nothria vibex			5							5
*Notomastus abyssalis		1	1		1	4	3			10
Notomastus precocis						2				2
*Notomastus sp.					1					1
**Ophelia sp.		_		1						1
*oweniid, fragment		1								1
* Paiwa sp.					1					1
Pherusa papillata						2				2
Phylo nudus							1			1
*Pirakia brunnea						_	10			10
Prionospio steenstrupi						2				2
*Praxillella a. pacifica	2				2	1				1
*Pseudoeurythoe abyssalis	2				2 1					4
Rhodine bitorguata	32				Т	7				1
Scalibregma inflatum	52	1				1				33
*Sphaerodoropsis nr. oculata		_				2				1
Spiophanes fimbriata					1	2 1				2
Stenelepis areolata					1	1	4			2
*Subadyte mexicana						3	4			5
Tauberia gracilis	1		2		4 .	61				3
Telepsavus costarum	~		4		1	01				68
Terebellides stroemi	2	1			1	5				1
*Tharyx sp.	13	1	2	3.		18				8
**Typosyllis a. orientalis		•		,		10		2		37 2
Mollusca - Pelecypoda	\mathbf{x}_{i}							_		4
Cardiomya sp.					-	-				
Delectopecten sp.						1				1
Leptonidae sp. A				1	1.				2 -	2 2

	·									
Species/Station Number:	13A	2A	47	39	41A	48	Otter Trawl 9-2-77	Otter Traw1 10-19-77	Barrel	Total
								٠		
Leptonidae sp. B	4	31				1				36
Lucinidae sp. 5						3			•	3
?Lucinidae	1									1.0
Macoma sp. A		16								16
Macoma sp. B		8								8
Nucula sp.	1	5				2				8
Nuculanidae		3								3
?Yoldia montereyensis	1	23					1			25
Yoldia sp.		6			ı					6
ollusca - Gastropoda	•			-	•					4
Crystallophrisson sp.				1	3	-				`1
Scissurella crispata		_				1				- 2
Turridae		2								_
follusca - Scaphopoda		00								20
?Dentalium (L.) rectius		20								
Arthropoda - Ostracoda		7								1
Cylindrolebendinae		1								
Arthropoda - Isopoda							1			1
Lironeca vulgaris						1				1
isopoda, unidentified						-				
Arthropoda - Tanaidacea					2					2
Leptognathia sp.	3				2					
Arthropoda - Cumacea		•								2
Campylaspis sp.		2 7				1				{
Eudonella pacifica		/				.				

Species/Station Number:	13A	2A	47	39	41A	48	Otter Trawl 9-2-77	Otter Traw1 10-19-77	Barrel	Total
Leucon ? armatus Leucon subnasica		1								1
Leucon subnasica Leucon sp.	2	25				1				1 1 25 2
Arthropoda - Amphipoda										2
Ampelisca posetica Ampelisca sp. Heterophoxus oculatus		8 5 13		1	2				2	8 7 16
<i>Hippomedon</i> sp. <i>Lilgeborgia</i> sp. Lysianissidae sp.	1	42				1			1 10	1 1
Nicippe tumida Photis sp. ?Protomedia sp.	1	10		3		1 1			10	53 12 4
Synchelidia sp. gammarids		2	2			2			1	4 3 2 2
rthropoda - Mysidacea mysid, unidentified				1				·		1
rthropoda - Decapoda decapod, unidentified					-	1				. 1
chinodermata - Ophiuroidea brittlestars			1	1		1	1			4
chinodermata - Holothuroidea sea cucumbers		1			2			• • •		
ctoprocta ectoprocts					_				ı	3
		··-·							+	+
umber of Species umber of Specimens	23 132	31 383	15 36	20 26	24 L15	50 295	16 35	6 8	9 25 +	194 1044 +

Table 5

Species and Number of Specimens of Foraminifera Collected from the Farallon Islands Radioactive Waste Disposal Site, 1977

				STATION NUMBER											
	Planktonic	2A		13A	Bar	re1	3	19	4	1A	47		4	8	
Species	Benthonic	L* D*	L	D	L	D	L	D	L	D	L	D	L	D	
Adercotrema glomerata?	В							5		1.					
Alveolophragmium scitulum	В В	1								T				**	
Brizalina pacifica Brizalina peirsonae Brizalina spissa	В В	2	2	1 6		3		1				25			
Brizalina subadvena Brizalina subadvena serrata	В В В	19 34	1 1 36	1 51		$^{1}_{21}$	1	26		1		7	14	38	
Bulimina auriculata Bulimina barbata Bulimina hoeglundi	В В В	17 34	, 30							2 1					
Bulimina cf. B. pupoides Bulimina pyrula spinescens	В В		1	2 8		1		1 5		1		2 12		2 4	
Bulimina striata mexicana Buliminella tenuata	B B	1	5	9		5	1	14	1	29		11		15	
Caribeanella sp. Cassidulina californica	В В В						1	1 1		1		3		1	
Cassidulina delicata Cassidulina lomitensis Cassidulina subcarinata	B B							49 6		1		1			
Cassidulinoides parkerianus Chilostomella oolina Chilostomellina fimbriata	В В В	1	3	1		1	1	20	1	12 2	3	12 18	5	17	

Table 5 (continued)

					S	TATIC	ON NUME	BER					
Charter	Planktonic	2A * *	13A		Barre1		39		41A		47		48
Species	Benthonic	r, D,	L	D	L D	L	D	L	D	L	D	L	Ι
Cibicides fletcheri?	n												
Cibicides mckannai	В										1		
Cribrostomoides sp.	В								1				
Cribrostomoides subglobosum	В							•	9				
Cribrostomoides veleronis	В В		16	21	2								
Dentalina baggi	В						38				6	3	14
Elphidium of. E. advenum	В												1
Epistominella pacifica	В	9 59	10	0.1			3						
Epistominella smithi	В	9 59	12	81	19		3		27	1	185		150
Eponides subtener	В					_					13		3
Fissurina bradii	В					1	2		2		2		
Fursenkoina bramlettei	В					,	2						
Fursenkoina rotundata	В					4	1						1
Globigerina bulloides	P	11					2		_				
Globobulimina pacifica	В	-4-4-	5	5		^	38		2		3		
Gyroidina altiformis	В		,	,		2	1		4	6	10	3	1
Gyroidina altiformis acuta	В								-				1
Gyroidina gemma	В								1				
Gyroidina neosoldanii	В								0				1
Haplophragmoides cf. H. tenuum	В								8 2				
Karreriella apicularis	В						1		2		-		
Lagena amphora	В								1		1		
Loxostomum pseudobeyrichi	В						•		т.		7		
Martinotiella primaeva	В						10		6		1 3		
Neogloboquadrina dutertrei	P	2		1			9		2		3		•
Neogloboquadrina pachyderma	. P			1.3			8		26		0		2
Vonionella basiloba	B	11 1	_	-			U	-	20		9		1
Vonionella miocenica	В								4				

Table 5 (continued)

							STA	ATION	NUMB!	ER					
	Planktonic	9	2A	1	.3A	Bar	rel	39)	4	1A	4	7	4	8
Species	Benthonic	L*	D*	L	D	L	D	L	D	L	D	L	D	L	D
Vonionella miocenica stella	В		1				1								
Jouria harrisii	В	1									5				
ridorsalis cf. O. tener	В								3		,		1		
dridorsalis tener	В		•						1				,		
Planulina sp.	В В								_		1		2		
Planulina wuellerstorfi	В				4		2								
Pleurostomella sp. Pullenia malkinae	, B										3				
ryrgo cf. P. murrhyna	В								_			1	3		
Recurvoides sp.	В	1	3		3				5		2	Τ	3		
Reophax curtis	В				-				3		2				
Reophax dentalinaformis	В	-		1	1 2				J						
Reophax horridus	В	1		1	2.				. 1						
Reophax scorpiurus	В В			1							3				
Reophax ? sp.	В				2										
Reophax subfusiformis	В								1		1.				
Rhizammina sp. Saccamina longicollis	B								2						
Tha lmannammina ? sp.	В													1	
Tritaxis bullata	В				-		1		3					-4-	•
Tritaxis ? sp.	B				Т		i		1		- '				
Trochammina inflata?	В						1								
Trochammina ? sp.	ъ В						_		1						
Turborotalia scitula	r B								53				2		
Uvigerina auberiana	В						•		2				0		
Uvigerina curticosta Uvigerina hispida	В								8		14		2		
Uvigerina juncea	В		1				4 1		9.6		1		46	1	_
Uvigerina peregrina	В	24	16	10	50		14		26		T		40	44.	•

Table 5 (continued)

					STATI	ON NUME	BER					48 L D	
Species	Planktonic	2A * *	13A	Barrel	39		41A		47		48		
	Benthonic	L* D*	L D	L D	L	D	L	D	L	D	L	D	
Uvigerina peregrina dirupta Uvigerina ? sp.	В В	1				4 1		1					
TOTAL PLANKTONIC SPECIMENS:		24	14			56		30		12		3	
TOTAL BENTHONIC SPECIMENS:		57 118	97 248	72	11	307	2	147	11	373	27	309	
Number of Living Species		8	16	0	7	7	2		4		6		

^{*} L and D denote living and dead specimens

Table 6

List of Polychaetous Annelids Reported Offshore from California in Depths Greater than 1000 Meters

Family Aphroditidae

Aphrodita longipalpa Essenberg Aphrodita parva Moore Laetmonice producta wyvillei McIntosh

Family Polynoidae

Admetella hastigerens Chamberlin Antinoella anoculata (Moore) Bathymoorea renotubulata (Moore) Eunoe barbata Moore Gattyana brunnea Hartman Harmothoe forcipata (Marenzeller) Harmothoe fragilis (Moore) Harmothoe scriptoria Moore Harmothoe tenebricosa Moore Hesperonoe laevis Hartman Intoshella caeca (Moore) Lagisca lamellifera (Marenzeller) Lagisca multisetosa Moore Lagisca yokohamiensis McIntosh Lepidasthenia interrupta (Marenzeller) Macellicephala? aciculata (Moore) Macellicephala remigata (Moore) ?Polynoe filamentosa Moore Panthalis pacifica Treadwell

Family Sigalionidae

Leanira alba Moore Leanira calcis Hartman Pholoe glabra Hartman Sthenelais verruculosa Johnson Sthenelepis areolata (McIntosh)

Family Pisionidae

Pisione remota (Southern)

Family Amphinomidae

Pseudeurythoe ambigua (Monro)

Family Euphrosinidae

Euphrosine paucibranchiata Hartman

Family Phyllodocidae

Anaitides groenlandica (Oersted) Anaitides madeirensis (Langerhans) Anaitides multiseriata Rioja Eulalia bilineata (Johnston)

Family Phyllodocidae (continued)

Eumida bifoliata (Moore)
Eumida tubiformis (Moore)
Genetyllis castanea (Marenzeller)
Notophyllum imbricatum Moore
Paranaitis polynoides (Moore)
Phyllodoce sp.

Family Alciopidae

Alciopina tenuis (Apstein)

Family Lacydonidae

Paralacydonia paradoxa Fauvel

Family Tomopteridae

Tomopteris septentrionalis Steenstrup

Family Pilargidae

Ancistrosyllis breviceps Hartman Ancistrosyllis hamata (Hartman)

Family Syllidae

Exogonella brunnea Hartman Pionosyllis gigantea Moore Typosyllis alternata (Moore)

Family Nereidae

Ceratocephale loveni pacifica Hartman Ceratonereis paucidentata (Moore) Eunereis caeca Hartman Nereis anoculis Hartman

Family Nephtyidae

Nephtys punctata Hartman Nephtys rickettsi Hartman Nephtys schmitti Hartman Nephtys squamosa Ehlers

Family Sphaerodoridae

Sphaerodoridium biserialis (Berkeley and Berkeley) Sphaerodoridium sphaerulifer (Moore) Sphaerodorum brevicapitis Moore Sphaerodorum papillifer Moore

Family Glyceridae

Glycera americana Leidy Glycera branchiopoda Moore Glycera capitata Oersted Glycera oxycephala Ehlers Glycera tesselata Grube

Family Goniadidae

Goniada annulata Moore Goniada brunnea Treadwell

Family Onuphidae

Diopatra tridentata Hartman Hyalinoecia tubicola stricta Moore Nothria hiatidentata Moore Nothria pallida Moore Onuphis nebulosa Moore

Family Eunicidae

Marphysa disjuncta Hartman Marphysa stylobranchiata Moore

Family Lumbrineridae

Lumbrineris bicirrata Treadwell
Lumbrineris californiensis Hartman
Lumbrineris cruzensis Hartman
Lumbrineris index Moore
Lumbrineris inflata Moore
Lumbrineris longensis Hartman
Lumbrineris moorei Hartman
Lumbrineris tetraura (Schmarda)
Ninoe fusca Moore
Ninoe gemmea Moore

Family Arabellidae

Drilonereis falcata Moore Notocirrus californiensis Hartman

Family Dorvilleidae

Dorvillea articulata (Hartman)

Family Orbiniidae

Califia calida Hartman Naineris uncinata Hartman Phylo nudus (Moore) Scoloplos acmeceps profundus Hartman

Family Paraonidae

Acesta lopezi lopezi (Berkeley and Berkeley)
Acesta lopezi rubra (Hartman)
Aedicira antennata (Annekova)
Aedicira ramosa (Annekova)
Aricidea neosuecica (Hartman)
Aricidea suecica (Eliason)
Cirrophorus aciculatus (Hartman)
Cirrophorus furcatus (Hartman)
Tauberia gracilis (Tauber)
Tauberia oculata (Hartman)

Family Apistobranchidae

Apistobranchus ornatus (Hartman)

Family Spionidae

Laonice foliata (Moore)
Laonice sacculata (Moore)
Nerinides pigmentata (Reish)
Polydora spongicola (Berkeley and Berkeley)
Prionospio cirrifera Wiren
Prionospio pinnata Ehlers
Prionospio steenstrupi Malmgren
Spiophanes anoculata Hartman
Spiophanes bombyx (Claparede)
Spiophanes fimbriata Moore
Spiophanes pallidus Hartman

Family Magelonidae

Magelona pacifica Monro

Family Disomidae

Disoma franciscanum Hartman

Family Chaetopteridae

Phyllochaetopterus limnicolus Hartman Telepsavus costarum Claparede

Family Cirratulidae

Caulleriella gracilis Hartman
Chaetozone armata Hartman
Chaetozone gracilis (Moore)
Chaetozone spinosa Moore
Cirratulus cirratus (Muller)
Tharyx monilaris Hartman
Tharyx tesselata Hartman

Family Cossuridae

Cossura candida Hartman

Family Flabelligeridae

Brada villosa (Rathke)
Fauveliopsis glabra (Hartman)
Ilyphagus ilyvestis Hartman
Pherusa papillata (Johnson)

Family Scalibregmidae

Asclerocheilus californicus Hartman Oncoscolex pacificus (Moore) Scalibregma inflatum Rathke

Family Opheliidae

Ammotrypane aulogaster Rathke Ammotrypane pallida Hartman Polyophthalmus translucens Hartman Travisia brevis Moore Travisia foetida Hartman

Family Capitellidae

Neoheteromastus lineus Hartman Neomediomastus glabrus (Hartman) Notomastus precocis Hartman

Family Maldanidae

Asychis nr. gotoi (Izuka)
Asychis lacera (Moore)
Clymenopsis californiensis Hartman
Euclymene reticulata Moore
Lumbriclymene lineus Hartman
Maldane glebifex Grube
Nicomache lumbricalis (Fabricius)
Notoproctus pacificus (Moore)
Praxillella trifila Hartman
Praxillura maculata Moore
Rhodine bitorquata Moore

Family Oweniidae

Myriochele gracilis Hartman Myriochele pygidialis Hartman

Family Ampharetidae

Amage arieticornuta Moore
Amelinna abyssalis Hartman
Amelinna armipotens (Moore)
Ampharete acutifrons (Grube)
Ampharete arctica Malmgren
Amphicteis scaphobranchiata Moore
Lysippe annectens Moore
Melinna heterodonta Moore
Melinnampharete gracilis Hartman
Melinnexis moorei Hartman

Family Terebellidae

Pista disjuncta Moore Pista fasciata (Grube)

Family Trichobranchidae

Terebellides ehlersi McIntosh Terebellides stroemi Sars

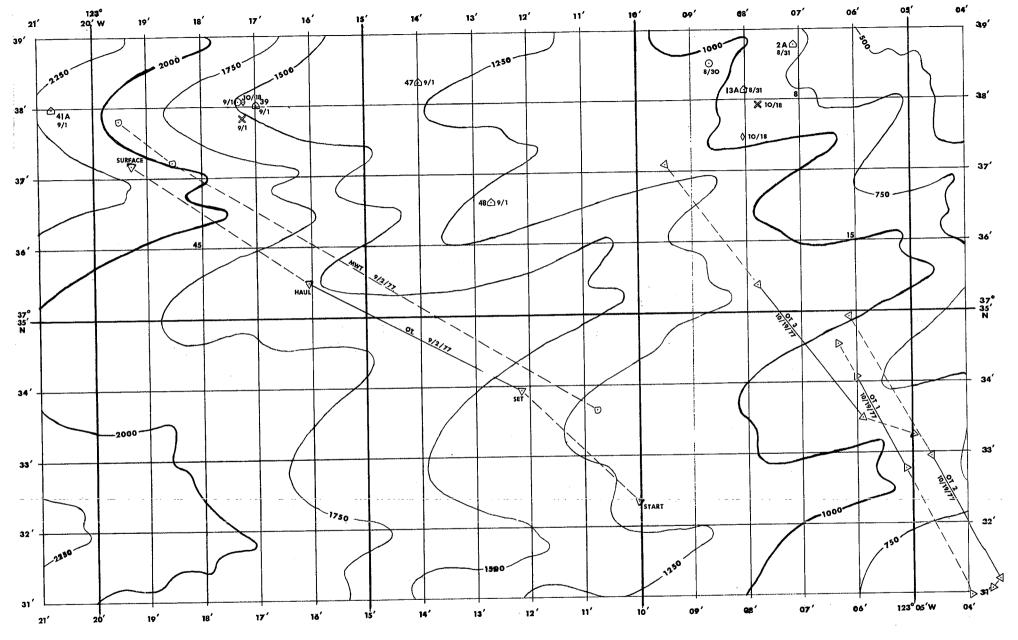
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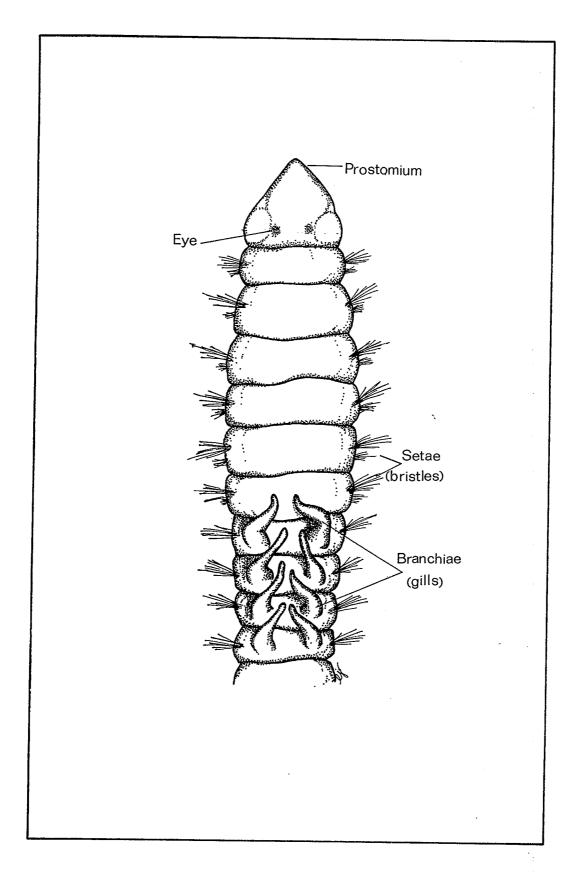


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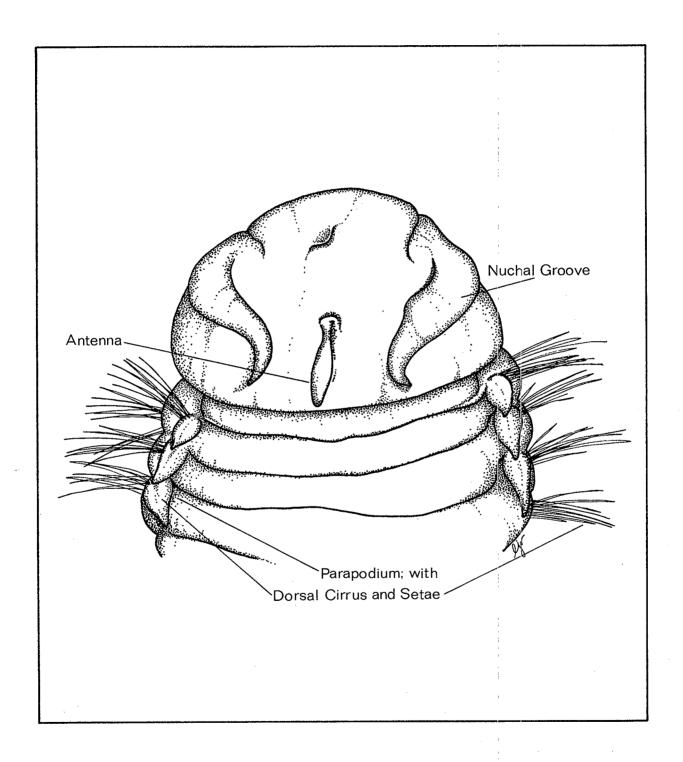


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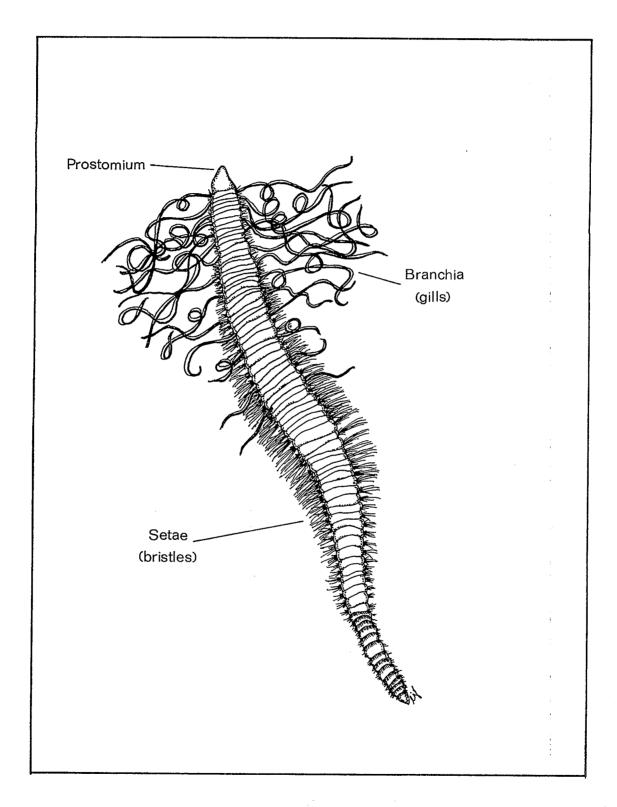


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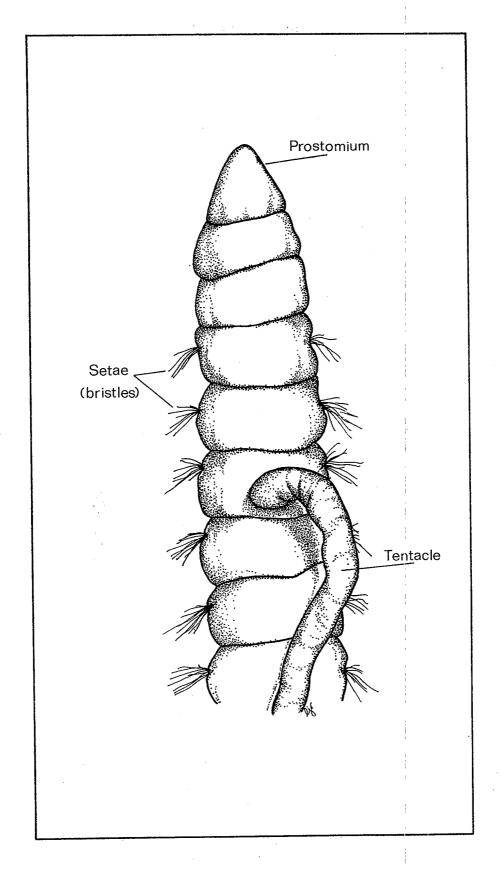


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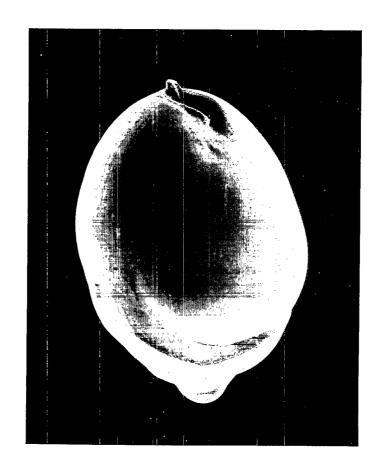


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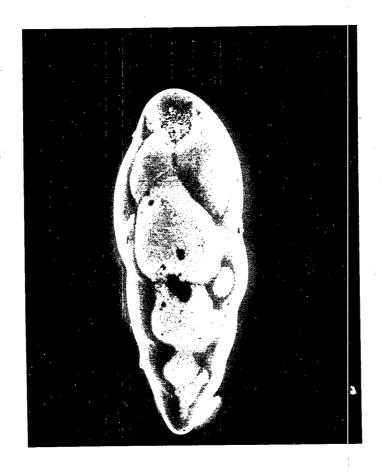


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Foraminifera



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(X 232)

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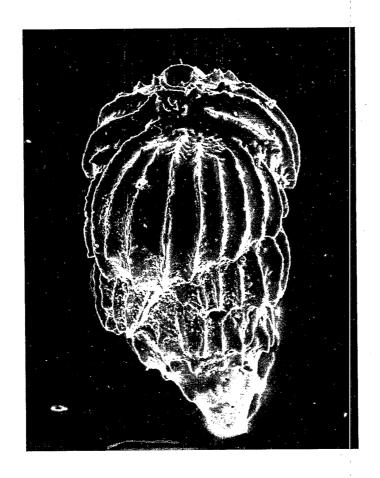


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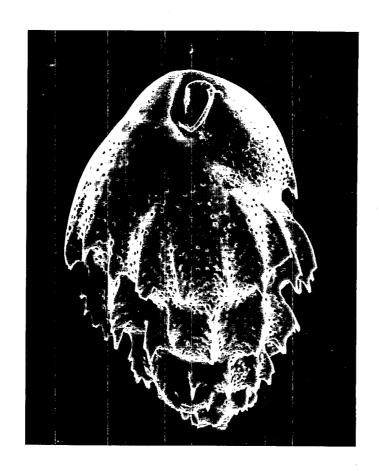


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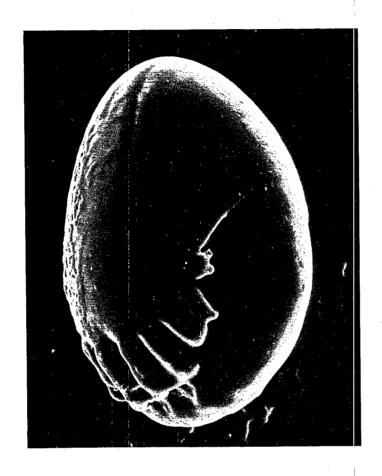


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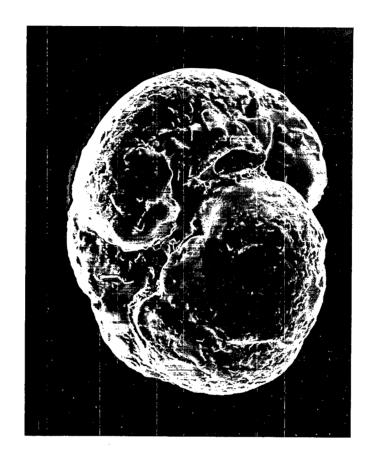


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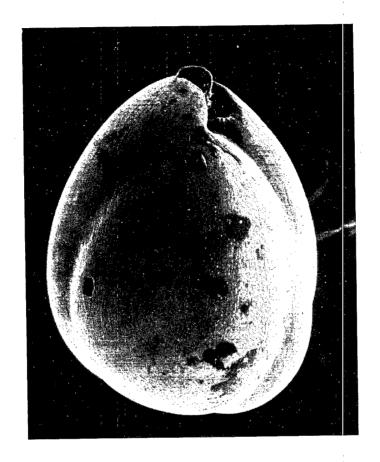


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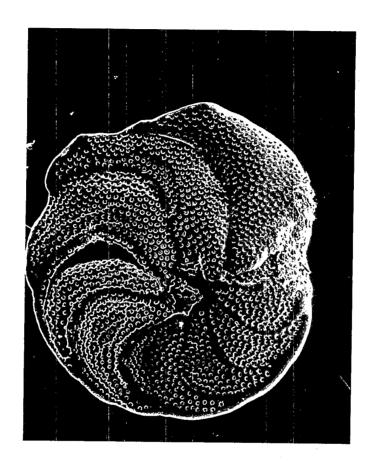


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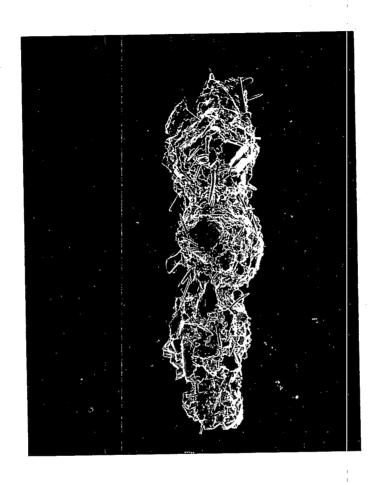


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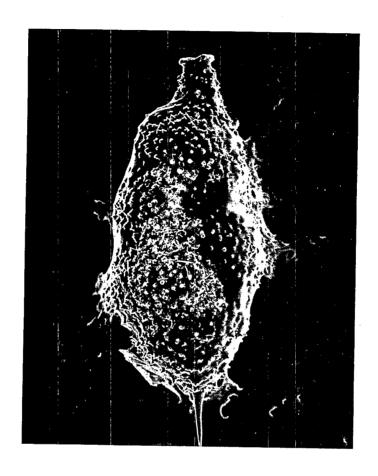


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16. ABSTRACT

15. SUPPLEMENTARY NOTES

Benthic biological samples were taken in 1977 from the vicinity of the Farallon Islands radioactive waste disposal sites for characterization of the infaunal macroinvertebrates and foraminifera. Six quantitative sediment samples were taken with a box core, and two non-quantitative samples were collected with an otter trawl at depths of 900m to 1700m. A sample was also taken from the surface of a radioactive waste container which was recovered from a depth of 730m for subsequent analysis at Brookhaven National Laboratory.

A total of 120 invertebrate species were collected, of which 75 species (63 percent) were polychaetes. Forty-three of these polychaete species have not previously been reported from depths greater than 1000m. A total of 1044 macroinvertebrate specimens were collected of which 54 percent were polychaetes. Only the nematods were present at all six benthic stations, but the community structure was dominated by the polychaetes Tauberia gracilis, Allia pulchra, Chaetozone setosa, and Cossura candida. Living and dead foraminifera were reported. The possible role of polychaetes in bioturbation and in the marine food chain is briefly discussed with respect to the various polychaete feeding mechanisms.

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